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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON

1. I SAT NEXT TO RABIN ON THE STAGE AT THE MIZRACHI AMERICAN WOMEN'S COMMEMORATIVE MEETING LAST NIGHT AT THE JERUSALEM THEATER.

2. AFTER HIS SPEECH, I SAID TO RABIN THAT WHILE I RECOGNIZED THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS HE FACES I FELT HE HAD EXAGGERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF SADAT'S REMARKS PORTRAYING ISRAEL AS A DAGGER POINTED AT EGYPT. I FELT THAT ON OCCASION IT WAS BEST TO IGNORE REHTORIC AND CONCENTRATE ON ACTION. FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS SURE THAT RABIN HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED AS WAS I BY SADAT'S MOVE TO EXTEND THE UNEF MANDATE FOR THREE MONTHS. RABIN SAID HE COULD HAVE EXTENDED IT FOR SIX MONTHS RATHER THAN THREE BUT AGREED THAT THREE MONTHS WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

3. I SAID TO RABIN THAT I ASSUMED HIS REMARKS CONCERNING FACE TO FACE NEGOTIATION REPRESENTED NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE ISRAELI POSITION. HE CONFIRMED THIS WAS THE CASE.

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